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NOTICE.

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THE MURDER.

An Officer has been stricken down in the discharge of his duty. The deep feeling of gloom that pervades this community over this sad affair, leaves us opportunities for calm reflection and judgment. A life that periled itself, that others might enjoy safety from the assassin's blade, while in the discharge of duty, has been vain in cold blood. The avenging hand though too struck back that the penalty might be swift and unerring.

The loss of Edward J. Masterson, the late murdered City Marshal, has cast a gloom through which is felt the realizing sense of buckling on the armor unto death. The general sympathy and respect for the deceased is deep and heartfelt. As an officer he was vigilant, courageous and conscientious of the important trust in his hands. As we know him he was kind, civil and steadfast—combined with those qualities that make the brave man, the true friend and good citizen.

While we commend the good qualities that possessed our deceased friend, and deplore the tragic and that so summarily disposed him—and through our sorrows and reverence for the departed, let us go forth girded with common fraternity for our bodily protection; armed with reasonableness and courage; and guided solely in the axiom: Self-preservation is the first law of human nature.

A frontier life stimulates all the qualities of manhood—the true, the good and the bad. The reckless denizen of the plains is at the mercy of an outraged people. As we see the draped doors, the solemn faces, and the cold, quiet air of remorse, we are depicted that steady determination to give no quarter to the ruthless invader of our lives, peace and prosperity. While we give utterance to our feelings in kindly sentiment, we shall find no mark of sentimentality in guarding the future conduct of those whose utter disregard of their own lives jeopardize those whose lives are living for.

We can forget the animosities engendered through the ordinary course of life, that we may doubly arm ourselves, by strengthening the picket lines, and filling to the maximum the ranks of the reserves. There will be no slow work in protecting the lives of this people against cold-blooded assassination.

CHEAP NOTORIETY.

The cheap notoriety effected through the shallow pretences of remedying public or moral wrongs, is a bubble that cannot long endure in the public gaze. The loud pretenders are but mockers of justice. When the devil assumes piety there is a lurking suspicion that the pious fraud is aiming to better prepare the way for the accomplishment of his nefarious practices. In every community there is the garb of "morality" worn over the form of vice. When these hollow pretenders shriek reform their pretences are echoed by other bleared mockers of morality.

A man's conduct should be in accord with his teaching, for how is the imp of the devil to know his master's cunning.

BRIDGE ACROSS SAW LOG.

Mr. P. L. Beatty, Township Trustee, upon the petition of a large number of citizens, has made an order for the erection of a bridge across Saw Log creek, at a point twelve miles north of Dodge City. This is an important move and will secure for Dodge City a large trade in Hodgman county that now finds a channel in counties east of Ford county. The expense of this bridge will not exceed \$300, which will be drawn from the township treasury.

Ford county must keep pace with the enterprise of her neighbors. This project is an important one and reflects no little credit upon the originator, County Attorney Sutton.

There were but four frosts in Eastern Kansas during the month of March, none of which were heavy enough to damage the fruit.

Henry Ward Beecher is 64 years old.

POLITICAL WAVES.

The recent spring elections have formed the basis upon which the hopes of future political contests are to be decided. This is not of our thinking; but we gather this is the expression formed by journals that draw their political prognostication from voting election vases. The spring elections are in nowise political weather cocks. Local questions and prejudices are the principles and actions which govern these contests. But our newspaper politician displays his wisdom by foretelling future political events solely upon the results of the spring elections.

The National party so called has exhibited a numerical and moral strength in various portions of the country. It is an eruption of all political parties. In a calm or political distrust like that in which we are undergoing, it is not surprising to find elements striving for ascendency through popular clamor. Their principles are ephemeral; they are not founded upon any great principle fundamental of the American institution. They only allay a thirst that is the outgrowth of imagined temporary wrongs.

Where every citizen is a politician, it is not strange to find ambition for self and power. The ordinary politician reverses the free institutions of the country. His inchoate utterances establish his claim to honor and patriotism. In a country where there is tolerance of sentiment, and politically where all are free citizens we find a harmony of discordant elements making their forces for ascendancy and power. These forces are given incentive under the present disparagement of political leaders. The apparent demoralization of the Republican party has rendered these outgrowths an auxiliary influence, though the factions are made up from all political parties.

It is a cardinal trait to manifest magnanimity, though we may be unable to conceal our prejudices. It was wise to restore harmony in the Southern States, notwithstanding we deprecate the expediences which brought about that result. President Hayes is tenacious in his official conduct. Were his Administration less theoretical and more practical he would receive more cordiality. The fundamental principles of this Government will always be maintained. But they must not be at the mercy of expedients, theories or impracticabilities. We have not reached the point at which we can sustain experiments. Either the war was all right or it was all wrong. The irritating fungus that grew on the results of that war is only the harsh temper that cannot be subjugated.

It is a trait of human character to accord worthy of approval the man whose actions meet the gratification of his friends. The President finds the reverse of this. His friends are among his political enemies and his enemies among his political friends. Judging him from the social standard, he is off the track. We cannot believe the Republican party is wrong and one man is right. As an independent journalist we view this matter solely as it looks to a man up the tree.

The patience of the American people sits upon a monument. We think the old war horses that served us last year will be faithful the next year. He knows the trails and by-paths. His movements are governed by sagacity, firmness and right. The movements of this silent man on horseback are regarded with the same interest as when directed at Appomattox and Vicksburg. His sphinx form though darkened in the shadows of the catacombs of Egypt is watched with the same favor as when displaying its generosity in the humble places of Palestine. The people endure with patient time the long coming of the standard-bearer; but they deserve the rising star in the political magnitude. Its monosyllabic form is—GRANT.

Attorney General Davis says "Kansas people are the most temperate people of our nation. Maine and Massachusetts not excepted."

THE PISTOL.

Murder of Edward J. Masterson City Marshal.

THE ASSAILANT—SHOT—ONE OF THEM DEAD.

DODGE CITY IN MOURNING.

On Tuesday evening, about 10 o'clock, Edward J. Masterson, Marshal of Dodge City, was murdered by Jack Wagner and Alf Walker, two cattle drivers from near Hays City. The two cow boys were under the influence of bad whisky and were carrying revolvers. Early in the evening Marshal Masterson disarmed Wagner; later Marshal Masterson and Deputy Marshal Nat Harwood tried the second time to disarm Wagner. While in the act Masterson was shot in the abdomen. Walker in the meantime snatched a pistol in the face of Officer Haywood. Masterson fired four shots, one of them striking Wagner in the bowels from the left side. Walker was struck three times, one shot in the lungs and his right arm horribly shattered with the other shots.

The shooting occurred on the south side of the Railroad track. Marshal Masterson coolly walked over to the business side of the street, a distance of about 200 yards, and upon reaching the sidewalk he fell exhausted. He was taken to his room where he died about 40 minutes afterwards.

Wagner and Walker were removed to Mr. Lane's room, where the former died at about 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. Walker is lying dangerously wounded, with no hopes of his recovery.

Some of the flying shots grazed the faces of one of our citizens and a cattle man. The shots were fired almost simultaneously, and the wonder is expressed that more death and destruction did not ensue, as a large crowd surrounded the scene of the shooting.

The officers were brave and cool though both were at a disadvantage, as neither desired to kill the whisky crazed assailants.

The death of Marshal Masterson caused great feeling in Dodge City. The business houses were draped in mourning, and business on Wednesday generally suspended.

Elsewhere we give the expression of sympathy and ceremonies following this terrible tragedy.

The chap who takes his trouble in advance and goes around worrying people with countdrums, is on a new trail. He says that two hundred thousand emigrants will settle this season in the western end of Kansas; some of them will rely on old corn for grub; and he wants to know how loud the call will be eighteen months hence for a special session of the Legislature to furnish "relief." Any gentleman meeting that chap will please have the kindness to choke him.—(Manhattan Industrialist.)

The hind end of Kansas is factious at the expense of the western end. But it smacks of a possibility. Who would starve to death with cattle on ten thousand plains? The cactus soup and jack rabbit pie will hold out, and no danger of a grasshopper scourge, give us hope for awhile at least.

An exchange says it is proposed that church choirs bring into use phonographs. Then they can meet Saturday nights and practice while the phonograph catches the sound, so that the next day, without additional exertion the entire performance could be produced. But supposing the phonograph should catch some of those little conversational riffs and tell them in church next day?

A man in North Lawrence has a new recipe for making coffee. He adds fourteen grains of coffee, drinks a quart of cold water, and sits down on a hot stove.

Last March was the warmest March since 1868. The average temperature was 59° 55 min. above the average March temperature for the ten preceding years.